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SUBJECT: UN BUDGET - MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR CONSULTATIONS

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1. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN FRENCH SUGGESTION PARA 20
REFTEL THAT MAJOR UN CONTRIBUTORS LOOK AT POSSIBILITY OF
COOPERATING DISCREETLY TO EFFECT LIMITATIONS IN UN AND
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

2. WE SEE PROPOSAL AS ATTEMPT TO FIND MORE RATIONAL ALLO-
CATION OF RESOURCES AND AS BEING IN LINE WITH JIU
INSPECTOR BERTRAND'S REPORT ON MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING WHICH
CALLED UPON GOVERNING BODIES TO SET LEVELS IN ADVANCE OF
BUDGET PREPARATION. BOTH IDEAS DOVETAIL NICELY WITH US
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BELIEF THAT NEW AND JUSTIFIED PROGRAMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED

IN PROGRAM BUDGETS AS OLDER, LOWER PRIORITY PROGRAMS ARE CURTAILED OR ABOLISHED, OR IN LEPRETTE'S WORDS "THAT NEW PROJECTS AND WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE EXPLICITLY CONDITIONAL ON OPERATING WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS".

3. WE WELCOME FRENCH LEAD AND WOULD SUPPORT FRENCH MOVE TO PROPOSE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT DURING 29TH UNGA.

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT FRENCH MAY WISH TO EXPLORE IDEA WITH FRG, UK, USSR AND JAPAN AND POSSIBLY ITALY AND CANADA. AMBASSADOR BUFFUM PREPARED TO DISCUSS FRENCH SUGGESTION AND IMPLEMENTATION WITH LEPRETTE IN NEW YORK.
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